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Auditing of the accounts of T.U.C.S. by the Co-operative department.

* 683 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how many half-years the accounts of the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Triplicane, have been audited by the Co-operative department audit;

(*b*) whether the auditor has submitted any special report regarding the working of the society;

(*c*) whether mention is made about the non-production of the current records for audit; and about their destruction;

(*d*) whether the secretary of the society disobeyed the summons of the auditor in not appearing before him and giving particulars;

(*e*) whether any misappropriation, fraud, falsification of accounts, cheating, breach of trust, etc., have been reported by the auditor; and

(*f*) if the answer is in the affirmative what are the steps proposed by the Government to rectify the defects?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) The accounts of the T.U.C.S. have been audited by the department for two half-years, viz., half-years ending with 30th June 1951 and 31st December 1951. The audit for the third half-year, viz., half-year ending with 30th June 1952 is in progress.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*d*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*e*) The answer is in affirmative.

" (*f*) Six cases of misappropriation have been reported to the police. Fifty-three more cases are under investigation. To avoid a recurrence of misappropriation, etc., the society has introduced an effective system of internal check. The Inspectors of the Society have been asked to make surprise visits to the branches, take stock and verify the cash balances. The Government have introduced departmental audit and supervision which have improved the working of the society.".

Prohibition offences.

* 684 *Q.*—SRI N. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether before prosecution for prohibition offences is launched any enquiry is made with regard to the status of the persons against whom such prosecutions are launched; and

(*b*) the reasons for entrusting such prosecutions to the local police instead of the Excise department?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) According to the procedure prevailing in the districts where the Prohibition Act is enforced by the Excise (Prohibition)

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Department, a preliminary enquiry is conducted by the concerned Prohibition Officer in regard to the offence, the evidence and whether the accused is a hireling, etc., before the prosecution is launched.

" (b) Prosecutions are not entrusted to the police if the cases are detected by the staff of the Excise (Prohibition) Department in the Excise (Prohibition) Districts. In these districts, prosecutions are conducted by the Excise (Prohibition) staff only. The police, when they detect prohibition cases in the Excise districts charge the cases themselves and attend to the prosecution."

Grant to Kasturi Devi High School, Nellore.

* 685 Q.—Sri S. Vemiah : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to answer, dated 2nd December 1952, given to unstarred question No. 78—

(a) whether the Government has disbursed the remaining amount of grant of Rs. 10,000 to Kasturi Devi High School, Nellore; and

(b) if not, why?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" (a) No.

" (b) The question of disbursing the balance of the grant is under correspondence with the management of the school who have been asked by the Director of Public Instruction to furnish certain particulars regarding the tenders for the work."

Selection of temporary candidates by the Service Commission.

* 686 Q.—Sri K. Krishna Rao : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) in the case of 9 (a) (i) candidates who did not get the approved minimum marks for the purposes of selection by the Service Commission in the S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examinations but who were selected by the Madras Public Service Commission after the examination held by the said Commission in 1951, whether it is a fact that such selected persons will not be eligible for promotion till they sit again for S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examinations once again and obtain minimum marks for eligibility for selection by Service Commission; and

(b) whether the passing of departmental tests by the Government employees alluded in (a) enable them to become eligible for promotion, without their having to sit again for S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examinations?

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" (a) The candidates referred to by the hon. Member will be eligible for promotion to higher posts only if they secure the required minimum number of marks by applying again for the